

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 1030 Skype Chat

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1800558.001

Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 February 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 11 February 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The publication is sexually explicit and involves the sexual abuse of children and young teens by adults. Its sole purpose is the arousal of people with a sexual interest in children and young persons. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications which promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The classification also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.